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FEMINIST AUTHOR, SCIENCE PHILOSOPHER SPEAKS AT UM

MISSOULA --

A controversial author and renowned science philosopher will challenge feminism and women's studies at The University of Montana-Missoula Wednesday, Nov. 8, as part of the 1995-96 President's Lecture Series.

Noretta Koertge, professor of history and philosophy of science at Indiana University, will present "Professing Feminism: Cautionary Tales from the Strange World of Women's Studies," at 8 p.m. in UM's Montana Theatre. Koertge co-authored a recent book by same title.

"It was an extraordinarily controversial book," said Richard Drake, UM history professor and lecture series organizer. "Besides her more traditional scholarly work, she is also embroiled in the controversy over women's studies."

The free lecture is open to the public.

Koertge earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from the University of Illinois and a doctorate in philosophy of science from London University. She has taught at Elmhurst College, Harvard University and schools in Turkey, England, Canada and Mexico.

She has penned countless articles on the philosophy of science and social sciences, women's studies and homosexuality. Koertge has edited two books, "Nature and Causes of Homosexuality: A Philosophic and Scientific Inquiry" and "Philosophy of Homosexuality," and written two novels, "Who Was That Masked Woman?" and "Valley of the Amazons."

UM Philosophy Professor Burke Townsend describes Koertge as a well-respected contributor to the discipline of philosophy.

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"She's a very bright, lively, outspoken woman and I think she'll be fun to have on campus," Townsend said. "Of course, this issue will kick up plenty of dust. She's an absolutely straightforward, no-nonsense lady who won't bob and duck and play games of any kind."

The next speaker in the series will offer a contrasting view of women's issues. Carol Gilligan, professor of human development and psychology at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, will present "Women's Psychology and Girls' Development" Wednesday, Dec. 6.

"What in effect we have with Koertge and Gilligan back-to-back are two very different viewpoints of women's studies presented by women who view themselves as feminists, but see things very differently," Drake said.

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